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ELECTION WAS A MIXED UP MESS.

J. H. ROBBINS WINS OUT BY A SMALL MAJORITY.

**Gubernatorial Contest Still in Doubt, With
the Chances in Favor of Chamberlain
—Otherwise, Republican State Ticket
Elected by Usual Majorities—Two
Parties Break About Even on County
Candidates—Close Vote in Sumpter.**

As THE MINER goes to press it is comparatively certain that J. H. Robbins has been elected to the legislature by a small majority. This is the situation: All precincts have been heard from except Irondyke. He has a majority of fifteen. There were forty-three voters registered at Irondyke. It is a mining and usually a democratic precinct, so the chances are that this will increase Mr. Robbins' majority. It will surely not go against him strong enough to defeat him. Baker City gave George Chandler, his opponent, a majority of 222, while Sumpter gave Mr. Robbins 176.

The Associated Press report of last night estimates that Chamberlain, democrat, has been elected governor by the small majority of 258. This is based on complete returns from twenty-eight counties and incomplete returns from the other five. His majority on returns received is 500. There is therefore a chance that this majority may be wiped out, and the result of the contest cannot be definitely known until complete returns from every precinct are in. Every other republican state candidate is elected by majorities ranging from 7000 to 12,000.

This fight on governor developed one of those queer freaks of the popular will that no machine politician can handle. The impression went abroad that Mr. Furnish had started in to buy the governorship of Oregon and the people made up their minds that their votes could not be sold and delivered by the professional politicians of Portland.

Mr. Furnish made the mistake of supposing that a republican nomination was equivalent to an election. He is credited with having spent money lavishly to secure the nomination and then shutting off the supply of the sinews of political warfare. Here, it is known, he kept the boys hoping and guessing up to the day of election, to have their hopes of securing a part of the big promised campaign fund blasted at the last moment. Of course, they didn't get out and work for him at the polls.

This county gives Chamberlain a majority of over 600. It also went for Butcher, the democratic candidate for congressman. The vote on other state officers is not definitely known at this

writing.

It was a mixup on county officers, demonstrating that the personnel of the candidates alone influenced the voters. At noon today it was conceded that Robbins, for representative, Travillion, county judge, Combs, clerk, Jett, assessor, Brooks, commissioner, democratic candidates; Eakin, circuit judge, Brown, sheriff, Henry, recorder, Palmer, treasurer, Foster, surveyor, and Snow, coroner, republican candidates, are elected.

No figures have been received which warrant a conclusion as to who is the successful candidate for joint state senator.

Sumpter went republican on several of the state officers, for the first time in its history. The democratic candidate for governor received a handsome majority, owing to the favorable impression which he created while here during the campaign. The vote on most of the state officers is so uniform that it constitutes fairly conclusive evidence that the camp has been changing its political complexion during the past two years. The vote on county and local candidates was a mere matter of personality.

The vote of the two precincts, North and South Sumpter, is as follows, the democratic candidate being named first, the socialist and prohibition candidates, who aggregated fifteen votes, being omitted.

United States Senator—C. E. S. Wood 211, T. T. Geer 226.

Governor—George E. Chamberlain 200, W. J. Furnish 197.

Supreme Judge—B. F. Bonham 226, R. S. Bean 246.

Secretary of State—D. W. Sears 217, F. I. Dunbar 222.

Treasurer—Henry Blackman 225, C. S. Moore 211.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. A. Wann 233, J. A. Ackerman 224.

Attorney General—J. H. Raley 232, A. M. Crawford 208.

State Printer—J. E. Godfrey 233, J. R. Whitney 189.

Congressman—W. F. Butcher 221, J. N. Williamson 213.

Circuit Judge—T. H. Crawford 214, Robt. Eakin 224.

Joint Senator—William Smith 203, J. L. Rand 243.

Representative—J. H. Robbins 333, George Chandler 157.

Sheriff—T. N. Proffitt 176, H. K. Brown 311.

County Clerk—A. B. Combs 210, Jas. Chord 266.

Recorder—C. W. James 196, R. W. Henry 285.

County Treasurer—E. P. McDaniel 233, R. R. Palmer 242.

Assessor—G. W. Jett 286, R. W. Frame 169.

County Judge—W. W. Travillion 251, Charles Duncan 197.

County Commissioner—J. C. Brooks 228, J. R. Gilkison 206.

Surveyor—John Hagel 211, C. M. Foster 239.

Coroner—C. M. Pearce 302, T. N. Snow 133.

Justice of the Peace—J. L. Evans 233,

W. S. Newbury 218.

Constable—J. H. Ward 277, Albert Worley 178.

Road Supervisor—P. D. Estes 312, M. A. Knapp 121.

Constitutional Amendment, Initiative and Referendum—Yes 248, No 43.

Much interest was manifested in the election locally, everyone being absorbed in the contest between J. H. Robbins and George Chandler. Cato Johns and his one or two adherents worked persistently and offensively against Mr. Robbins, the home candidate, with the result that he received the largest majority in the two precincts, 176, a splendid endorsement from his friends and neighbors that he doubtless highly appreciates.

There were 521 votes cast here, about 100 less than were registered, while twenty or thirty were sworn in. From the above figures it will be seen that a great many failed to vote for all the candidates, none of them getting the full vote.

The most amusing incident of the day was Seymour Bell's rout of Cato Johns, driving the latter off the streets into his store. Mr. Bell had his fist full of money, which he was offering to bet on Chamberlain for governor, taking a special delight in bluffing Johns—"buffaloeing" him to a standstill. Lon Cleaver covered the democratic money.

N. J. Sorensen & Co.'s Placer Operations.

During the past few days Neil J. Sorensen and Otto Herlocker have been busy looking after the two placer properties which the company control, both of which are great money makers. As a matter of fact, N. J. Sorensen & Co. have made a success of every mining proposition which they have handled in this country. By success it is here meant taking gold out of the ground at a profit to themselves and the stockholders. At the Griffith diggings, now owned and operated by the Oregon Placer and Power company, two giants are washing gravel day and night. This year the company has a splendid head of water, and the cleanup will undoubtedly be even greater than last year, when handsome dividends were paid. Regarding work at the Peerless Hydraulic company's ground, near Alamo, a correspondent at that camp writes the Granite Gem: "This company, of Sumpter, is going in to win. It owns some of the most promising claims in this famous gold belt. It now has a force of men at work on Humpback mountain and will soon put crews to work on Nevada Gulch, Poorman Gulch and the Sam Carpenter diggings, near this place. The Humpback and Nevada Gulch properties were formerly owned by Lafe Farmer, the well known pioneer of the early '60s, who took out a snug fortune from each. The Poorman Gulch property was owned forty years ago by Sam Carpenter, who, it is said, took out in one season \$60,000 from this property."

Bartholf Back From Thunder Mountain

Eugene Bartholf returned several days since from the Thunder Mountain coun-

try, having reached within eighteen miles of the heart of the mecca. He says a big crowd is following close to the snow up the mountain. He and his party made several locations, but at this time can form no idea as to their value. Mr. Bartholf says hundreds of claims have been staked on the snow, the locators of which don't know whether or not they have a ledge. He will not express an opinion of the district in general, because he didn't have an opportunity to examine it. He has not yet decided whether or not he will go back this summer, as he has extensive interests here demanding his time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McCallum Home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McCallum reached Sumpter yesterday afternoon, having been absent all winter, the former in the Middle states and Mrs. McCallum in Portland. They will remain here several days and then go to Baker City for a time. Mr. McCallum spent most of the winter at Indianapolis, where he found men with money, as elsewhere in the east, looking for investments in mining properties, as it is rightly considered the only safe investment in which reasonable profits can be realized. He says that town presents the anomaly of not harboring a single mining broker. His friends here will be pleased to learn that he was entirely successful in consummating the deals on which he has been working, and will regret to learn that he contemplates making his headquarters in Indianapolis in the future.

Here to Inspect the Baby McKee.

Manager O. Townsend, of the Baby McKee, was in town from that property Monday. He says there is still plenty of snow in that high altitude of Cable Cove and that the roads are impassable for even light rigs. The surface of the snow freezes at night, but is rotten underneath and will hold little weight, making it dangerous for horses to attempt to travel over it. He had to walk out two and a half miles, where he was met with a team. Mr. Townsend came to Sumpter to meet P. P. N. Myers, of Cincinnati, who is largely interested in the Baby McKee and has come out to inspect the property.

Deal Pending on Snow Creek Group.

Arthur Brown, the mining man who spent a month or more here last spring, returned to Sumpter several days since, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pratt, of Hammondsport, New York. All three of them, together with T. W. Davidson, left Monday for the Greenhorns. It is understood that an important deal is pending, involving a valuable group of claims on Snow creek, that will probably be closed at an early day. Mr. Brown, an eminent expert, thoroughly examined the property on his previous visit and is said to have given it his unqualified endorsement.

All the latest novelties in hats at Neill Mercantile company's.

Fish of all kinds at The Market.